**Issue of import licences to IDPL**

1669. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of import licences issued to IDPL for import of bulk drugs, drug intermediates, capital goods, spare parts, etc. during the last two years, yearwise;

(b) whether his Miinstry imposed any condition on any import licence; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Particulars of import licences are published in the "Weekly Bulletin of Import Licences, Export Licences and Industrial Licences", copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) and (c) Import licences are issued subject to the provisions of Import & Export Policy, Hand Book of Procedures and conditions as prescribed in Clause 5 of the Imports (Control) Order, 1955(No. 17/55) dated 7th December, 1955, as amended from time to time, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

**Import of Penicillin G and Penicillin V.**

1670. SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of Penicillin G and Penicillin V is allowed after lifting indigenous quantity in prescribed ratio;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies to which import licences have been issued during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) what was the indigenous quantity lifted by each against which each licence was issued; and

(d) what is the CIF price at which each import was made by each company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Import of Penicillin G and Penicillin V is allowed against Supplementary Licences granted by the Chief Controller of Import & Exports. Supplementary licences for import of Penicillin G are granted on the basis of lifting of the indigenous material in the prescribed ratio. The current ratio is 70 (imported) : 30 (indigenous). Import of Penicillin V is allowed in cases where the unit cannot use Penicillin G, the alternate raw materials.

(b) Details of import licences granted are published in the "Weekly Bulletin of Import Licences, Export Licences, and Industrial Licences", copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) Statistical data about the quantity of indigenous material lifted and the C.I.F. price of import is not being compiled.

**News-item captioned "Policy anomalies upset manufacturers"**

1671. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Financial Express' of the 12th August, 1988, under the caption "Policy anomalies upset manufacturers";

(b) whether it is a fact that there are irregularities in the import of potassium Penicillin V by producers of 6—APA;

(c) if so, what is Government's policy in this regard;

(d) what are the names of the producers of 6-APA to whom import licencer for the import of Penicillin V were granted during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) what is the quantity imported by each of them and what was the CIF price?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Issue of licences for the import of Penicillin G and V**

1672 SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of Penicillin G and Penicillin V, is allowed on the basis of import licences issued by the Chief Controller of Imports;

(b) if so, the number of applications received during the last three years, year-wise alongwith the names of parties and quantity applied;

(c) the names of the parties in whose favour import licences have been issued alongwith the quantity and value of each during the same period;

(d) whether it is a fact that a number of applications are still pending;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what is the policy in this regard and on what basis import licences are issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (f) Import of Penicillin G and Penicillin V is allowed against Supplementary licences granted by the Chief Controller of Imports & Exports. Supplementary licences for imports of Penicillin 'G' are granted on the basis of lifting of the indigenous material in the prescribed ratio. The current ratio is 70 (imported): 30 (indigenous). Imports of Penicillin V is allowed in cases where the unit cannot use Penicillin G, the alternate raw material. Applications of M/s. Pharmachem and M/s. Alembic for import of Penicillin V are pending in the absence of certification that alternate raw material namely, Penicillin G cannot be used by them. The statistical data about total number of applications, quantity applied for, is not being compiled. However, details of licences granted are published in the "Weekly Bulletin of Import Licences, Export Licences and Industrial Licences", copies of which are a available in Parliament Library.

**Customs duty on bulk drugs**

1673. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and intermediates which are charged a concessional rate of customs duty or exempted from customs duty;

(b) what are the names of drugs and intermediates which got the concession in the last budget;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price of end products have not been reduced so as to pass on he cancession to the consumers; and

(d) what was the objective of concession and exemption of customs duty and whether the benefit has gone to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The following notifications prescribe concessional rates of customs duty in respect of bulk drugs and intermediates:

1. No. 45/79-Customs dated 1-3-1979.

2. No. 64/79-Customs dated 6-3-1979.